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- 1. THE CROWN OF ST STEPHEN AND MFN WERE THE TWO SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING A MEETING OF CONGRESSMAN FRENZEL WITH JANOS BARTHA OF THE MFA, SEP 12.
- 2. BARTHA TOLD FRENZEL THAT THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN HUNGARY AND THE UNITED STATE; HUNGARY'S RECORD ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION IS EXCELLENT; HUNGARY IS WILLING TO WORK WITH US WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT; AND THEREFORE THE GOH IS ANXIOUS TO MOVE AHEAD AND WONDERS WHY THE USG CANNOT ALSO MOVE ON MFN.
 BARTHA WAS CAREFUL TO STATE THAT HUNGARY IS PATIENT AND IS ALSO WILLING TO WAIT. WHILE BARTHA DID NOT DISCUSS THE CROWN IN GREAT DETAIL, HE TOLD THE GONGRESSMAN THAT AGAIN THE ABSENCE OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES SHOULD FACILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LITATE THE CROWN'S RETURN.

3. BARTHA'S COMMENTS FOLLOWED THE OPENING SESSION OF THE HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL, DURING WHICH CONGRESSMAN FRENZEL HAD PUBLICLY EXPRESSED HIS POSITION ON BOTH MFN AND THE CROWN. ON MFN, HE URGED BOTH THE HUNGARIAN AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS TO NEGOTIATE

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING LEGISLATION. FRENZEL REFERRED TO HUNGARY'S "FINE RECORD" ON FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND SAID, "BUT IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT A PLEDGE TO CONTINUE HUNGARY'S HISTORIC EMIGRATION AND FAMILY REUNIFICATION RECORD, AND TO DEAL IN A SYMPATHETIC MANNER WITH SUCH CASES NOTED BY THE U.S., OUGHT TO GO A LONG WAY TOWARD SATISFYING THE GUARANTEES REQUIRED BY THE TRADE ACT."

- 4. ON THE RETURN OF THE CROWN FRENZEL TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT, "I WILL CONTINUE TO URGE ITS PROMPT RETURN WITH-OUT QUALIFICATIONS, EXCEPT, PERHAPS, FOR ASSURANCES THAT IT BE AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PUBLIC DISPLAY IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER."
- 5. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON FRENZEL'S OTHER MEETIND (SZALAI IN THE FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY AND HETENYI OF THE NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE) AND THE COUNCIL'S MEETING. KAISER

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